

A close-up photograph of German tennis star Steffi Graf in the middle of a tennis stroke. She is wearing a white and blue athletic outfit. Her expression is one of intense focus, with her mouth slightly open. A tennis racket is visible in the foreground, and a yellow tennis ball is blurred in the background.

Today in History

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▲ German tennis star Steffi Graf retired, ending a 17-year career that included 22 Grand Slam titles, and winning each of the four Grand Slams at least four times

1868: A series of earthquakes in Peru and Ecuador killed up to 25,000 people

1998: Financier George Soros described the state of Russia's stock markets as "terminal"

2000: A provisional parliament was set up in Somalia, which had not had a functioning government since 1991

2007: Radar images revealed that the Angkor archaeological site included former Khmer Empire capitals from the 9th and 15th centuries